

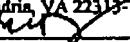
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of) Examiner: Uyen T. Ho
Sirhan et al.)
For: **METHOD AND DEVICE FOR THE)
TREATMENT OF VULNERABLE)
TISSUE SITE**)
Serial No.: 10/621,126)
Filed: July 16, 2003)
Atty. Docket No.: R0378-00101)

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.8

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being transmitted by facsimile at (510) 273-6500 addressed to Mail Stop 16, Director of the Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on May 16, 2007, in San Francisco, CA.

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REQUEST FOR REFUND TO ATTORNEY DEPOSIT ACCOUNT

Mail Stop 16
Director of the Patent and Trademark Office
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Dear Sir:

The undersigned requests a refund to Deposit Acct. No. 04-1679 for charges applied by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) on behalf of the above-referenced divisional application. A copy of the May 2007 deposit account statement is enclosed herewith. Further enclosed herewith are the *Patent Application Fee Determination Record* sheets of July 16, 2003 and May 2, 2007 obtained from the PTO's Patent Application Information Retrieval System (PAIRS).

Applicants filed the above-referenced divisional application on July 16, 2003. A copy of their *Request For Filing A Divisional Application Under 37 CFR 1.53(b)* is enclosed herewith. The preliminary amendment which accompanied their Request amended the number of claims to a total of 94 with 6 independent claims. The Patent Office erroneously counted a total of 151 claims with 6 independent claims as seen in

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the Patent Application Fee Determination Record of July 16, 2003. In the Request, Applicants calculated the total charge for filing this divisional application to be \$2334. The Patent Office charged a total of \$3640 for filing of this application on July 16, 2003. In further support, enclosed is the official Filing Receipt mailed October 17, 2003. The *Filing Receipt* indicates the proper total claims filed, as well as the overcharge of \$3640 by the Patent Office. The undersigned requests a refund of \$1306 for the overcharge. The data in the Patent Application Fee Determination Record wrongly indicates the number of claims and consequently charged Deposit Acct. No. 04-1679 accordingly.

The undersigned requests further refund to this same Deposit Acct. No. 04-1679 for the charge applied May 10, 2007 on behalf of the above-referenced divisional application. Applicants faxed file their *Amendment And Response To Office Action Mailed 02/01/2007* on April 30, 2007 followed by their *Supplemental Amendment And Response To Office Action Mailed 02/01/2007* faxed filed May 2, 2007. The Amendments reduced the total number of claims to be examined down to a total of 10 claims inclusive of 1 independent claim. As a result of the amendments filed, the remaining pending claims for examination then fell below the maximum claim numbers of 20 total and 3 independent for no additional fee required. Yet according to the Patent Application Fee Determination Record of May 2, 2007, the Undersigned's Deposit Acct. No. 04-1679 was charged \$4000 for what the PTO office totaled as 382 claims. In the Undersigned's act of retrieving the claims as filed May 2, 2007 from PAIRS, it is apparent that the PTO counted both the claims as filed April 30, 2007 and those of May 2, 2007 and totaled both sets of claims as one continuous set of pending claims, duplicating the number of claims. This resulted in the overcharge to Deposit Acct. No.

04-1679 of \$4000. A copy of the claims "as retrieved" from PAIRS on May 2, 2007 is enclosed herewith. The undersigned believes that there should have been no charge to the Deposit Acct. No. 04-1679 on May 10, 2007, when Applicants reduced their total number of claims down to 10 in the period of April 30, 2007 to May 2, 2007.

The undersigned respectfully requests a refund of \$1306 and \$4000 which were incorrectly charged to Deposit Acct. No. 04-1679 and to refund to said Deposit Acct. No. 04-1679, referencing Atty. Docket No. R0378-00101.

Applicants believe that there is no fee due for this request. Should the Commissioner find otherwise, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the required fees associated with this communication and to credit the refund of overpayment of fees set forth under 37 C.F.R. §2.6 or §2.7, to Deposit Acct. No. 04-1679, referencing Atty. Docket No. R0378-00101.

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THE TREATMENT OF
VULNERABLE TISSUE SITE**

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This is a request for filing a divisional application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b), of pending prior application Serial No. 09/717,910, filed November 20, 2000, of Motasim Sirhan, John Yan and Kevin Gertner, for **METHOD AND DEVICE FOR THE TREATMENT OF VULNERABLE TISSUE SITE**.

1. Enclosed is a true copy of the prior complete application as filed, including the specification (including claims), drawings, oath or declaration showing the signature or an indication it was signed, and any amendments referred to in the oath or declaration filed to complete the prior application.
2. This application discloses and claims only subject matter disclosed in the prior application whose particulars are set out above. With respect to the prior copending U.S. application from which this application claims benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 120, the inventor(s) in this application is (are):

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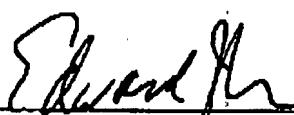
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IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 46 and add new claims 136-139 as indicated in the following list of pending claims.

Pending Claims

1-45. (Cancelled)

46. (Currently amended) A system for containing a region of a patient's aortic aneurysm having a healthy aortic portion with a transverse dimension adjacent to the aneurysm, comprising:

a longitudinal tubular guide member having a proximal end, an essentially straight proximal portion, a distal end, a curved distal portion, a port in the distal end, an inner lumen extending through the guide member to and in fluid communication with the port in the distal end; and

an elongated containment member which has a constricted configuration when slidably disposed in the inner lumen of the tubular guide member which is configured to be and which has a relaxed configuration when advanced out the port in the distal end of the guide member that has a transverse dimension which is slightly less than that of the transverse dimension of a healthy portion of the patient's aorta adjacent to the aortic aneurysm and be when disposed about an exterior surface over the aortic aneurysm.

47. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 46 wherein the containment member includes at least one free end.

48. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 47 wherein the at least one free end of the containment member is configured to be atraumatic.

49. (Previously presented) The system of claim 48 wherein the containment member comprises a strand.

50. (Previously presented) The system of claim 49 wherein the strand forms a tubular member.

51. (Previously presented) The system of claim 49 wherein the strand includes a wire member.

52. (Previously presented) The system of claim 49 wherein the strand includes a ribbon member.

53. (Withdrawn) The system of any one of claims 49, 50, 51, or 52 wherein the strand includes a plurality of longitudinally oriented strands transversely spaced apart and attached to an adjacent strand with an attachment mean.

54. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 53 wherein the longitudinally oriented strands have a width ranging from about 0.001 to about 2 centimeters.

55. (Withdrawn) The system of any one of claims 49, 50, 51, or 52 wherein the strand includes a plurality of longitudinally oriented strands transversely spaced apart and a plurality of transversely oriented strands longitudinally spaced apart, the longitudinally oriented strands connected to one another by at least one of the transversely oriented strands.

56. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 55 wherein the longitudinally oriented and transversely oriented strands have a width, independently, ranging from about 0.0001 to about 2 centimeters.

57. (Withdrawn) The system of any one of claims 49, 50, 51, or 52 wherein the strand is formed of a material from the group consisting of polymers, metals, shape

memory alloys, biodegradable material, and a combination thereof.

58. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 56 wherein the shape memory alloy includes nickel titanium.

59. (Withdrawn) The system of any one of claims 49, 50, 51, or 62 wherein the strand is in the form of a coil.

60. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 59 wherein the coil has a constant diameter.

61. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 59 wherein the coil has a variable diameter.

62. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 59 wherein the coil is tapered at either or both ends.

63. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 59 wherein at least some of the turns of the coil when disposed about the exterior of the tissue site wrap around the circumference of the tissue site.

64. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 59 wherein the turns of the coil when disposed about the exterior of the tissue site form an arcuate structure.

65. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 59 wherein the coil in a relaxed configuration has a pitch between adjacent turns ranging from about 0.002 to about 20 centimeters.

66. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 65 wherein the pitch ranges from about 0.002 to about 2 cm.

67. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 65 wherein the pitch ranges from about 2 to about 10 cm.

68. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 65 wherein the pitch ranges from about 10 to about 20 cm.

69. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 65 wherein the coil has a variable pitch.

70. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 65 wherein the containment member has means to secure the adjacent turns of the coil.

71. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 70 wherein the securing means includes any one of coil, wire, or strand.

72. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 49 wherein the containment member has a longitudinal dimension ranging from about 1 mm to about 50 cm.

73. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 49 wherein the containment member includes multiple lumens.

74. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 73 wherein at least one of the multiple lumens is configured to be an inflation lumen, a therapeutic fluid delivery lumen, or a strand lumen.

75. (Previously presented) The system of claim 49 wherein the containment member has outer and inner surfaces defining at least in part a wall, a lumen disposed within the wall, and a containment surface defined at least in part by the inner surface of the wall.

76. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 75 wherein the containment member is configured to deliver therapeutic fluids to the tissue site.

77. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 76 wherein the lumen defined by the containment member inner and outer surfaces is a fluid lumen, either or both the

containment member outer and inner surfaces including at least one aperture fluidically connectable to the containment member fluid lumen.

78. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 77 wherein the aperture size ranges from about 1 micron to about 2 millimeters.

79. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 78 wherein the aperture size ranges from about 1 micron to about 1 cm.

80. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 77 wherein the fluid lumen is fluidically connectable to a source of therapeutic fluid.

81. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 50 wherein the containment member has an outer diameter and an inner diameter defined by the inner surface.

82. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 81 wherein the inner diameter is configured to have a variable dimension.

83. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 82 wherein the containment member has outer and inner surfaces and a fluid lumen defined therebetween and a containment lumen defined by the inner surface, and the inner diameter of the containment member is decreased upon the expansion of the containment member fluid lumen.

84. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 83 wherein the fluid lumen is fluidically connectable to a source of inflation lumen.

85. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 49 wherein the containment member further includes a sleeve disposed on at least a portion of an exterior surface of the containment member.

86. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 85 wherein the sleeve includes multiple lumens.

87. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 86 wherein at least one of the multiple lumens of the sleeve is configured to be an inflation lumen.

88. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 85 wherein the sleeve has an inner and outer surface and an inner lumen disposed therebetween.

89. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 88 wherein the containment member has an inner diameter defined by an inner surface of the containment member, the containment member inner diameter decreasing upon the expansion of the sleeve inner lumen.

90. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 89 wherein the sleeve inner lumen is fluidically connectable to a source of inflation fluid.

91. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 75 wherein the containment member is configured to at least partially encircle at least a portion of the tissue site.

92. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 91 wherein the containment member is configured to at least partially encircle at least a portion of a tissue site adjacent the vulnerable tissue site.

93. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 75 wherein the containment member inner surface has a curvature substantially less than 360 degrees.

94. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 75 wherein the containment member inner surface includes an adhesion promoter.

95. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 94 wherein the adhesion promoter is selected from the group consisting of fibrin and cyanoacrylates.

96. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 50 wherein the containment member has an outer surface defining an outer diameter and an inner surface defining an inner diameter.

97. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 96 wherein the vulnerable tissue site has a first thickness and a tissue site adjacent the vulnerable tissue site has a second thickness.

98. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 97 wherein the dimension of the inner diameter of the containment member in a relaxed configuration is substantially the same or slightly larger than the thickness of the vulnerable tissue site.

99. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 97 wherein the dimension of the inner diameter of the containment member in a relaxed configuration is substantially larger than the thickness of the vulnerable tissue site.

100. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 99 wherein the dimension of the inner diameter of the containment member in a relaxed configuration is about 25% larger than the thickness of the vulnerable tissue site.

101. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 97 wherein the dimension of the inner diameter of the containment member in a relaxed configuration is substantially between the first thickness of the vulnerable tissue site and second thickness of the adjacent tissue site.

102. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 97 wherein the dimension of the inner diameter of the containment member in a relaxed configuration is substantially the same as the second thickness of the adjacent tissue site.

103. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 97 wherein the dimension of the inner diameter of the containment member in a relaxed configuration is slightly less than the second thickness of the adjacent tissue site.

104. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 97 wherein the dimension of the inner diameter of the containment member in a relaxed configuration is about 10% less than the second thickness of the adjacent tissue site.

105. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 101 wherein the vulnerable and adjacent tissue sites are part of a first tubular member and the first and second thicknesses are defined by outer diameters of the vulnerable and adjacent tissue sites, respectively.

106. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 77 wherein the aperture is configured to delivered hardenable material to the exterior surface of vulnerable tissue site.

107-118. (Cancelled)

117. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 1 wherein the curved portion of the elongated tubular guide member extends from the about 2 mm to about 20 cm from the distal end thereof.

118. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 1 wherein the curved portion of the elongated tubular guide member has a radius of curvature ranging from about 0.5 to about 3 cm.

119. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 1 wherein the curved portion of the elongated tubular guide member is configured to have an angle ranging from about 180° to +180°.

120. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 1 wherein the elongated tubular guide member has multiple deflection points.

121-135. (Cancelled)

136. (New) The system of claim 46 wherein the curved distal portion of the longitudinal tubular guide member has a length from the about 2 mm to about 20 cm.

137. (New) The system of claim 46 wherein the curved distal portion of the longitudinal tubular guide member has a radius of curvature ranging from about 0.5 to about 3 cm.

138. (New) The system of claim 46 wherein the curved distal portion of the longitudinal tubular guide member is configured to have an angle ranging from about -180° to +180°.

139. (New) The system of claim 46 wherein the longitudinal tubular guide member has multiple deflection points.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1, 2, 4, 9, 11, 13, 15, 39-45 and 121-135 without prejudice and amend claims 46, 117, 118, 119 and 120 as indicated in the following list of pending claims,

PENDING CLAIMS

1-45. (Canceled)

46. (Currently amended) A system for containing a region of a patient's aortic aneurysm, comprising:

an elongated longitudinal tubular guide member having a proximal end, a distal end, a curved distal portion, a port in the distal end, an inner lumen extending through the guide member to and in fluid communication with the port in the distal end; and

an elongated containment member slidably disposed in the inner lumen of the tubular guide member which is configured to be advanced out the port in the distal end of the guide member and be disposed about an exterior surface over the aortic aneurysm.

47. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 46 wherein the containment member includes at least one free end.

48. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 47 wherein the at least one free end of the containment member is configured to be atraumatic.

49. (Previously presented) The system of claim 46 wherein the containment member comprises a strand.

50. (Previously presented) The system of claim 49 wherein the strand forms a tubular member.

51. (Previously presented) The system of claim 49 wherein the strand includes a wire member.

52. (Previously presented) The system of claim 49 wherein the strand includes a ribbon member.

53. (Withdrawn) The system of any one of claims 49, 50, 51, or 52 wherein the strand includes a plurality of longitudinally oriented strands transversely spaced apart and attached to an adjacent strand with an attachment mean.

54. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 53 wherein the longitudinally oriented strands have a width ranging from about 0.001 to about 2 centimeters.

55. (Withdrawn) The system of any one of claims 49, 50, 51, or 52 wherein the strand includes a plurality of longitudinally oriented strands transversely spaced apart and a plurality of transversely oriented strands longitudinally spaced apart, the longitudinally oriented strands connected to one another by at least one of the transversely oriented strands.

56. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 55 wherein the longitudinally oriented and transversely oriented strands have a width, independently, ranging from about 0.0001 to about 2 centimeters.

57. (Withdrawn) The system of any one of claims 49, 50, 51, or 52 wherein the strand is formed of a material from the group consisting of polymers, metals, shape memory alloys, biodegradable material, and a combination thereof.

58. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 50 wherein the shape memory alloy includes nickel titanium.

59. (Withdrawn) The system of any one of claims 49, 50, 51, or 62 wherein the strand is in the form of a coil.

60. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 59 wherein the coil has a constant diameter.

61. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 59 wherein the coil has a variable diameter.

62. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 59 wherein the coil is tapered at either or both ends.

63. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 59 wherein at least some of the turns of the coil when disposed about the exterior of the tissue site wrap around the circumference of the tissue site.

64. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 59 wherein the turns of the coil when disposed about the exterior of the tissue site form an arcuate structure.

65. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 59 wherein the coil in a relaxed configuration has a pitch between adjacent turns ranging from about 0.002 to about 20 centimeters.

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71. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 70 wherein the securing means includes any one of coil, wire, or strand.

72. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 49 wherein the containment member has a longitudinal dimension ranging from about 1 mm to about 50 cm.

73. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 49 wherein the containment member includes multiple lumens.

74. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 73 wherein at least one of the multiple lumens is configured to be an inflation lumen, a therapeutic fluid delivery lumen, or a strand lumen.

75. (Previously presented) The system of claim 49 wherein the containment member has outer and inner surfaces defining at least in part a wall, a lumen disposed within the wall, and a containment surface defined at least in part by the inner surface of the wall.

76. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 75 wherein the containment member is configured to deliver therapeutic fluids to the tissue site.

77. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 75 wherein the lumen defined by the containment member inner and outer surfaces is a fluid lumen, either or both the

containment member outer and inner surfaces including at least one aperture fluidically connectable to the containment member fluid lumen.

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84. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 83 wherein the fluid lumen is fluidically connectable to a source of inflation lumen.

85. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 49 wherein the containment member further includes a sleeve disposed on at least a portion of an exterior surface of the containment member.

86. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 85 wherein the sleeve includes multiple lumens.

87. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 86 wherein at least one of the multiple lumens of the sleeve is configured to be an inflation lumen.

88. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 85 wherein the sleeve has an inner end outer surface and an inner lumen disposed therebetween.

89. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 88 wherein the containment member has an inner diameter defined by an inner surface of the containment member, the containment member inner diameter decreasing upon the expansion of the sleeve inner lumen.

90. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 89 wherein the sleeve inner lumen is fluidically connectable to a source of inflation fluid.

91. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 75 wherein the containment member is configured to at least partially encircle at least a portion of the tissue site.

92. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 91 wherein the containment member is configured to at least partially encircle at least a portion of a tissue site adjacent the vulnerable tissue site.

93. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 75 wherein the containment member inner surface has a curvature substantially less than 360 degrees.

94. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 75 wherein the containment member inner surface includes an adhesion promoter.

95. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 94 wherein the adhesion promoter is selected from the group consisting of fibrin and cyanoacrylates.

96. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 50 wherein the containment member has an outer surface defining an outer diameter and an inner surface defining an inner diameter.

97. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 96 wherein the vulnerable tissue site has a first thickness and a tissue site adjacent the vulnerable tissue site has a second thickness.

98. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 97 wherein the dimension of the inner diameter of the containment member in a relaxed configuration is substantially the same or slightly larger than the thickness of the vulnerable tissue site.

99. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 97 wherein the dimension of the inner diameter of the containment member in a relaxed configuration is substantially larger than the thickness of the vulnerable tissue site.

100. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 99 wherein the dimension of the inner diameter of the containment member in a relaxed configuration is about 25% larger than the thickness of the vulnerable tissue site.

101. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 97 wherein the dimension of the inner diameter of the containment member in a relaxed configuration is substantially between the first thickness of the vulnerable tissue site and second thickness of the adjacent tissue site.

102. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 97 wherein the dimension of the inner diameter of the containment member in a relaxed configuration is substantially the same as the second thickness of the adjacent tissue site.

103. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 97 wherein the dimension of the inner diameter of the containment member in a relaxed configuration is slightly less than the second thickness of the adjacent tissue site.

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107-116. (Canceled)

117. (Currently amended) The system of claim [[1]] 48 wherein the curved distal portion of the elongated longitudinal tubular guide member extends from the about 2 mm to about 20 cm from the distal end thereof.

118. (Currently amended) The system of claim [[1]] 46 wherein the curved distal portion of the elongated longitudinal tubular guide member has a radius of curvature ranging from about 0.5 to about 3 cm.

119. (Currently amended) The system of claim [[1]] 46 wherein the curved distal portion of the elongated longitudinal tubular guide member is configured to have an angle ranging from about -180° to +180°.

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120. (Currently amended) The system of claim [[1]] 46 wherein the elongated longitudinal tubular guide member has multiple deflection points.

121-135. (Cancelled)

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